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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re PATENT APPLICATION of	)	Group Art Unit: 1625
	)	Attorney Docket No. 263.PC2
Chen, et al.	)	Examiner: Huang, E.M.
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Serial No: 10/687,373	)	
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Filed: October 16, 2003	)	
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Title: Pre-Organized Tricyclic Integrase	)	
Inhibitor Compounds	)	

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Dear Sir:

This is responsive to the Patent and Trademark Office action mailed June 24, 2004. A request for a FOUR MONTH extension of time is submitted herewith, whereby the time for response expires on October 24, 2004.

Group I, Claims 1-63, and 68 are elected for examination. The individual species of compound 149 of Claim 48, page 393 is elected. Claims 64-67 and 69-79 are cancelled in this response.

Amendment

In view of the requirement for restriction/election, and under the protection of 35 U.S.C. §121, please cancel Claims 64-67 and 69-79 without prejudice to Applicants' rights to pursue the canceled subject matter in divisional/continuation applications.

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Restriction/Election Requirement

The Office has required election of a single species for examination.

Election

Applicants provisionally elect the subgenus of Claim 48 and in particular the compound 149 found at page 393.

Request for a Telephonic Interview

If the Examiner deems it useful, Applicants request, at the Examiner's convenience, a telephonic interview with Mark Bosse at (650) 522-5569 for the purpose of expediting the allowance of the present Application.

Respectfully submitted,



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